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PRODUCT FOR COLLABORATIVE ENGINEERING  
USING COMPONENT AND FILE ORIENTED TOOLS

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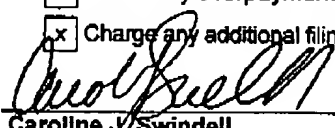
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| Applicant(s): Bentley et al.   |   |   |                                   |                                |      |
| Invention: <b>SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR COLLABORATIVE ENGINEERING USING COMPONENT AND FILE ORIENTED TOOLS</b>  |   |   |                                   |                                |      |
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Advisory Action dated September 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

A Notice of Appeal was filed September 7, 2006, and this Amendment is filed within two months of the filing of the Notice of Appeal. Accordingly, it is not believed that any extensions of time are required. However, should any extension of time be required, it is hereby petitioned, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment and/or extension to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Application No. 09/982,753

Amendment dated

Reply to Office Action of March 7, 2006

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.